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CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 20th, 2025 6:00 PM
MINUTES

FLAG SALUTE – Councilman-at-Large Light

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Alex Clark, Linda Evans, Nick LaRotonda, Steve Light and Council President Richard DeRose

ABSENT: Councilman Sykes

ALSO PRESENT: City Solicitor John Amenhauser Esq., City Clerk Carie Crone, Police Captain Mazer and Administrator Jessica Snyder.

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW & NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

REGULAR MEETING

Motion to add Resolution #203-2025 – A Resolution approving the sale of certain city-owned lands, to the consent agenda.

Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilman Clark. All in Favor, None Opposed.

J. Amenhauser – The agenda posted indicated Ordinance 15-2025 and 16-2025 would be acted on tonight, but Council has already approved those. The ones were seeking to add are Ordinance 17-2025 and 18-2025. They weren't on the Agenda sheet, but the full body of the Ordinances were included in the meeting packet. If the majority of those present are okay with moving them to the Agenda tonight, we can do so, we would just need a motion, a second and then roll call to do so.

Council President DeRose – to clarify, the packet you got was correct, the packet that went out to the public was correct, the titles on the actual Agenda were not correct. What your voting on is that your comfortable with the fact that there was a typo on the agenda, but you had the supporting documents you needed to vote tonight.

Motion to approve the vote of the corrected Ordinances: Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker.

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Absent; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

2025 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 17** Bond Ordinance providing for Drainage Management Improvements in the Absecon Estates Neighborhood, by and in the City of Absecon, appropriating \$2,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.

Motioned for the Second reading of Ordinance #17-2025: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilman Clark. **Roll Call:** Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

Motioned to open the meeting to the public for comment or discussion of Ordinance #17-2025: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Evans. All in Favor, None Opposed.

No Discussion

Motioned to close the public portion: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Motioned for the final reading and adoption of Ordinance #17-2025: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilman LaRotonda
Roll Call: Clark–Yes; Evans–Yes; LaRotonda–Yes; Light–Yes; Parker–Yes; Sykes–Absent; DeRose–Yes

Ordinance #17-2025 has been heard and is finally approved.

- 18** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 160 – Uniform Construction Code Fees.

Motioned for the Second reading of Ordinance #18-2025: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker. **Roll Call:** Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

Motioned to open the meeting to the public for comment or discussion of Ordinance #18-2025: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilman Clark. All in Favor, None Opposed.

No Discussion

Motioned to close the public portion: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilman Clark
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Motioned for the final reading and adoption of Ordinance #18-2025: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker
Roll Call: Clark–Yes; Evans–Yes; LaRotonda–Yes; Light–Yes; Parker–Yes; Sykes–Absent; DeRose–Yes

Ordinance #18-2025 has been heard and is finally approved.

CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

- 199 Approving the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2025 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$4,200.00 from the State of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety.
- 200 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2025 on the listed property.
- 201 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for the 4th quarter of 2025 on the listed properties.
- 202 Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel the 4th Quarter of 2025 and the 1st and 2nd quarter taxes on the property located at New York Avenue (Block 40, Lot 1).
- 203 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Absecon approving the sale of certain City-Owned Lands.

PUBLIC PORTION – (Agenda items only)

Motioned to open to the public: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker
All in Favor, None Opposed.

No Discussion

Motioned to close to the public: Councilwoman Parker; Seconded: Councilwoman Evans
All in Favor, None Opposed. _____

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Motioned to move Consent Agenda: Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$1,497,482.30

Motioned to accept: Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilman Light

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 11/6/2025

Motioned to accept the Minutes: Councilman Light; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker

Roll Call: Clark – Yes; Evans – Yes; LaRotonda – Yes; Light – Yes; Parker – Yes; Sykes – Absent; DeRose – Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman LaRotonda – Economic Development: We're seeing a lot of progress at the redevelopment site on the corner pad. Working with the Electric Company to get outlets installed on part of New Jersey Avenue for holiday décor; hopefully next year we can budget for downtown as well. Holiday season is here, please continue to shop and support our local businesses.

Councilwoman Parker – Public Safety: Haven't met since the last meeting. Chief Tally from the Fire Department, Santa in the Park will be Friday, December 5th, with a Rain Date of December 6th. Santa will be touring Absecon on the fire truck on December 12th and December 13th.

Captain Mazer – We'll be participating in the County Holiday with Heroes event with the EHT PAL on December 6th.

Councilman Clark – Finance: Has not met this month, will meet again in December. Sent out and received back all department budgets, so we'll be going over those and setting up for budget season.

Councilman Light – Public Works – Did not meet this month, will meet December 1st at 5pm. Thanked Public Works for all they do. Leaves are getting picked up. This Saturday is the Shredding event along with electronic drop-off.

Councilwoman Parker (Councilwoman Evans stepped out) – Community Affairs – With the Shredding event is going to be a City-Wide Clean-up, anyone interested can meet at City Hall at 9am, the Recycling Coordinator will have all the supplies needed. Christmas Tree lighting will be December 2nd @6pm on New Jersey Avenue next to Friendly Deli; there will be caroling, hot cocoa and Santa Clause.

Council President DeRose (on behalf of Councilman Sykes) – Parks and Playgrounds – The did not meet this month, so there is no update.

City Clerk: Monthly Report – October

- Municipal Court: \$9,642.96
- Municipal Clerk's Office: \$3,262.00
- Construction Office: \$14,770.00
- Tax Office: \$1,977,666.24

Council President DeRose – Mayor Marrone was unable to attend tonight, he is attending the event over at the Middle School. Our City Engineer is also absent this evening, so no report there.

Jessica Snyder – Please keep an eye out for the appropriate signage for the temporary changes to the entrance of City Hall for the ADA, we're waiting finalized dates. Leaf pick up is underway, please be patient as Public Works makes their way through all five zones; the five zones have been posted on the website, but that always depends on the weather and vehicle condition. Wished all of Absecon a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motioned to open to the public: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilman Light
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Jim – Shady Lane – Spoke with Tina in Planning and Zoning and she stated, as of right now Absecon does not allow what is known as ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) also known as in-law suites. These units help with the affordable housing issues.

J. Amenhauser – There is pending legislation moving through New Jersey to require the Municipalities to allow these units. It hasn't gotten much steam as of yet, but it is something that is out there, for the same reason you mentioned earlier – affordability crisis on homes. The idea behind it is geared more towards family members. The fear for a long time was that Municipalities would allow this to happen and you'll put a second dwelling on your property and rent it out. Then it's a means of income opposed to keeping family members that otherwise maybe can't afford a place. There are a few towns that have allowed this, it's a use variance, second use on a second lot. Something evolving in the area of land use right now.

Councilman LaRotonda – Would this need to go to Zoning Board first?

J. Amenhauser – First, if you guys are inclined, you could introduce an Ordinance, then it would have to go to Planning to make sure it complies with the Master Plan and then they'll send back any recommendations before you could go to a second reading.

Councilman Clark – Does it have to be approved by the State before we can do anything?

J. Amenhauser – No it does not, what's pending at the State level would be a requirement on the town that if it passes all towns have to allow it. Right now, you still have home rule.

Council President DeRose – First I'm hearing of it, but will do my homework and have discussions will Council.

Motioned to close to the public: Councilman Clark; Seconded: Councilwoman Parker.
All in Favor, None Opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned to adjourn: Councilman LaRotonda; Seconded: Councilwoman Evans
All in Favor, None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 12-4-25